

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A motor vehicle comprising:

a combustion engine,

a gearbox,

an exhaust system; and

an exhaust system bracket for fastening the exhaust system, wherein the exhaust system is fastened to at least one of the combustion engine and the gearbox through the exhaust system bracket which comprises a supporting element in the form of a plate holder with at least two band-like, elastic plates which are superimposed to form a stack and are able to move relative to each other on at least a part of their length.

2. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the supporting element has an angular structure as seen in a longitudinal section.

3. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle according to claim 2, wherein the supporting element, as seen in the longitudinal section, has a twofold angular structure in the form of an offset step.

4. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle according to claim 2, wherein the supporting element, as seen in the longitudinal section, has a fourfold angular structure in the form of two offset steps which are arranged mirror-inverted to each other.

5. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the supporting element has a helical structure as seen in a longitudinal section.

6. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the at least two band-like, elastic plates is made of an austenitic material.

7. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the at least two band-like, elastic plates is made of a ferritic material.

8. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the at least two band-like, elastic plates is made of spring steel.

9. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the at least two band-like, elastic plates are made of different materials.

10. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the at least two band-like, elastic plates have differing thicknesses.

11. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the at least two band-like, elastic plates have a smooth surface.

12. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the at least two band-like, elastic plates have a rough surface.

13. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the at least two band-like, elastic plates have a structured surface.

14. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the at least two band-like, elastic plates of the supporting element are fastened to each other by at least one of screwing, welding, a form-fitting connection, or a force-fitting connection.

15. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle according to claim 14, wherein one exterior plate in the stack comprised of the at least two band-like, elastic plates is flanged so as to clamp other plates of the supporting element on at least one of a front end or a longitudinal side.

16. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the supporting element has three, four or five plates.

17. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the supporting element is fastened to the exhaust system with a console.

18. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the supporting element is fastened to the at least one of the combustion engine and the gearbox with a bracket.

19. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the at least two band-like, elastic plates have corresponding cross-sections as seen in a longitudinal section.

20. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle according to claim 1, including a bracket having a first end connected to at least one of the combustion engine and gearbox and a second end connected to the supporting element, and wherein each plate of the supporting element has one plate end connected to the second end of the bracket and an opposite plate end connected to the exhaust system.

21. (Previously Presented) An exhaust system mounting assembly comprising:
a bracket having a first bracket portion and a second bracket portion, the first bracket portion being adapted to be connected to at least one of an engine block and gearbox housing; and

a supporting element comprised of a plurality of plates arranged in a stacked relationship, the supporting element having a first end connected to the second bracket portion and a second end connected to an exhaust system component.

22. (Previously Presented) The exhaust system mounting assembly according to claim 21, wherein the plates have corresponding cross-sections as seen in a longitudinal section.

23. (Previously Presented) The exhaust system mounting assembly according to claim 22, including a console that connects the second end of the supporting element to the exhaust system component.

24. (Previously Presented) The exhaust system mounting assembly according to claim 21, wherein the plurality of plates comprise a plurality of band-like, elastic plates that are able to move relative to each other on at least a part of their length, and wherein each plate has a first plate end connected to the second bracket portion and a second plate end attached to the exhaust component.